

## Is there real harm in underage drinking?

Alcohol use among youth is strongly correlated with:

- Violence
- Sexual Activity
- School Failure
- Illicit Drug Use
- Driving Safety

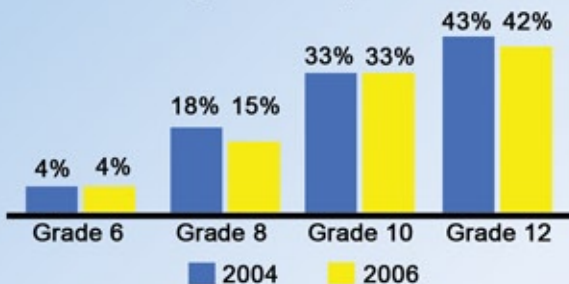


*"What parents may not realize is that children say that parental disapproval of underage drinking is the key reason they have not chosen to drink."*

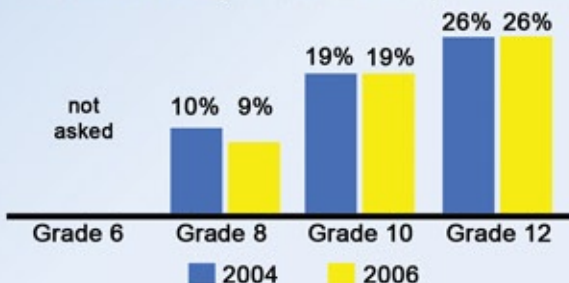
Charles Curie, SAMHSA Administrator  
U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services

## Community Facts from Washington's Healthy Youth Survey

Percent of students who report having a drink in the past month



Percent of students who report drinking heavily (5 or more drinks in a row) at least once in the past two weeks



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## Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant SPF-SIG



## Connecting our Communities Together to Reduce Underage Drinking

### Project Funded by:

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Substance Abuse

**Strategic Prevention Framework  
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**Together we can stop kids from drinking before they start!**



### Washington State SPF-SIG Goals

- 📌 Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of underage drinking.
- 📌 Reduce alcohol abuse-related problems in communities.
- 📌 Build prevention capacity and infrastructure at state and community levels.
- 📌 Improved decision-making by using data across all strategic prevention framework steps.

### SPF-SIG Communities

- ✓ Asotin-Anatone Junior-Senior High, Asotin, WA
- ✓ Eckstein Middle School, Seattle, WA
- ✓ Huntington Middle School, Kelso, WA
- ✓ Kingston Middle School, Kingston, WA
- ✓ Madison Middle School, Seattle, WA
- ✓ Morris Ford Middle School, Franklin Pierce School District, Pierce County
- ✓ Mount Adams Middle School, White Swan, WA
- ✓ Naches Valley Middle School, Naches, WA
- ✓ Orchard Middle School, Wenatchee, WA
- ✓ Port Angeles, WA
- ✓ Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe
- ✓ Warden Middle School, Warden, WA
- ✓ West View Elementary, Burlington, WA



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### What is the Strategic Prevention Framework – State Incentive Grant

- A 5-year community-based research project designed to reduce underage drinking.
- A coalition of community members will be developing, implementing, and evaluating a strategic plan.
- The project will benefit local communities around 12 middle schools, including schools, businesses, and community organizations.
- This project will provide evidence-based programs, policies, and practices to reduce drinking by our youth.